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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance for establishing more Agriculture Research Centres (ARCs) in various States including Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has so far assessed the performance of various ARCs in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): There is no immediate proposal to set up an Agriculture Research Centre.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) The research programmes of the Agricultural Research Centres are regularly monitored by Research Advisory Committees which comprise of eminent scientists drawn from both within National Agricultural Research System and from leading NGOs and private sector. In addition, all centres have their own Research Council for reviewing the progress of research projects every six months. The Quinquennial Review Teams (QRT) are constituted by ICAR to evaluate the functioning of the Centres including their research agenda every five years. The action points recommended by these bodies are taken up for improvement of the on-going research programmes as well as formulating new programmes along with suitable supportive infrastructure and manpower needs. This process helps in development and execution of improved and need based annual action plans, compilation of technology inventories, preparation of technology manuals, books, bulletins and extension literature in print and electronic form.